1	2	3	4
13.	Hong Kong	3900.84	4266.60
14.	Argentina	92.33	3937.70
15.	Greece	958.61	3755.48
16.	Cameroon	1553.26	3558.54
17.	Tanzania Rep	1914.55	3345.74
18.	Korea RP	3022.06	2935.27
19.	Malaysia	3850.88	2600.39
20.	South Africa	3553.95	2414.82
21.	Other Countries	41734.09	30994.65
	TOTAL	153888.56	206697.51

SOURCE: Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India, DGCI&S, Kolkata

Increasing the cost of cotton

†5242. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the price of cotton in the country during the last six months;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase in cost;

(c) the reasons for the increase in costs; and

(d) the effect of the increase in cost of cotton on the production units of powerloom and handloom industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) Prices of cotton and cotton yarn have decreased during October 2001 to March 2002 as given in the following tables:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) *Lint cotton prices in Rupees per candy spot (1 Candy = 355.62)*

Variety	J-34	LRA	H-4	S-6
October 2001	15,576	15,484	17,208	18,312
November 2001	13,910	13,914	15,067	16,043
December 2001	13,785	14,155	14,930	15,880
January 2002	13,356	13,524	14,612	15,592
February 2002	13,083	12,733	14,100	15,083
March 2002	12,923	12,323	14,006	15,264

SOURCE: East India Cotton Association, Mumbai

(ii) *Cotton Yarn prices in Rupees per kg. (Weighted average price)*

	Hank Yarn	Cone Yarn
October 2001	90.54	100.34
November 2001	89.52	99.65
December 2001	89.68	98.80
January 2002	89.40	97.65
February 2002	88.06	96.59
March 2002	84.25	95.91

SOURCE: Textile Commissioner, Mumbai

Export of cotton yarn, cotton cloth and garments

†5243. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton yarn, cotton cloth and garments are exported from the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.